

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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State of Mississippi

DESCRIPTIONS OF LIMITATION AS TO AMOUNT, DURATION AND SCOPE OF MEDICAL CARE
AND SERVICES PROVIDED

10. Dental Services:

Adults (beneficiaries age twenty-one (21) and over): Dental care that is an adjunct to treatment of an acute medical or surgical condition; services of oral surgeons and dentists in connection with surgery related to the jaw or any structure contiguous to the jaw or the reduction of any fracture of the jaw or any facial bone; and emergency dental extractions and treatment related thereto are covered services.

Children (beneficiaries under age twenty-one (21): Dental services are a necessary component of overall health services provided to children who are eligible for services. Beneficiaries under age twenty-one (21) are eligible for medically necessary dental services, including diagnostic, preventive, therapeutic, emergency, and orthodontic services.

Dental Benefit Limits:

For dates of service beginning July 1, 2007, dental services (except orthodontia) are limited to \$2,500 per beneficiary per fiscal year. Additional dental services in excess of the \$2,500 annual limit may be provided with prior approval from the Division of Medicaid.

Orthodontia Services:

Orthodontia services are covered with prior approval for beneficiaries under age twenty-one (21) only. Orthodontia-related services are limited to \$4,200 per beneficiary per lifetime.

Dentures: Dentures may be covered for beneficiaries under age twenty-one (21) with prior approval.

Medicaid Eligibles Not Covered for Dental Benefits: The following Medicaid eligibles are not covered for dental benefits:

- Women who are eligible for Medicaid only because of pregnancy (pregnancy-related eligibles) and who are age twenty-one (21) or older;
- Beneficiaries in the Healthier Mississippi Waiver who are age twenty-one (21) or older;
- Medicare beneficiaries who are not eligible for full Medicaid benefits.

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10. Dental Services: Emergency Extraction - (Definition) - Any patient presenting with pain and/or infection of the dental apparatus and/or contiguous structure that in the opinion of the dental practitioner shall require extraction of the tooth shall be considered an emergency extraction.

Panorex or full mouth X-rays (DO330) will not be authorized more often than once every three years, per patient, per provider, with the following exceptions documented on the claim form:

- 1 - trauma to head or mouth area
- 2 - multiple abscessed teeth
- 3 - large area of infection not well observed by a periapical x-ray
- 4 - oral pain that is difficult to diagnose
- 5 - suspicion of oral cancer
- 6 - strong suspicion of oral disease that would not be diagnosed with oral exam or a periapical x-ray

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